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This Summary contains an analysis of persons not in the work force enumerated at the Census of 30th June, 1954, together with comparisons with the 1947 Census. Summary No.54, recently issued, dealt with persons in the work force.

Persons not in the work force comprise retired persons, persons of independent means, housewives, full-time students, children and inmates of institutions. In the following tables particulars of each of these categories are shown according to age-groups.

All data in this Summary are exclusive of particulars of full-blood Aborigines.

At 30th June, 1954, 1,689,498 males and 3,595,010 females were recorded as not being in the work force, compared with 1,318,101 males and 3,064,826 females at 30th June, 1947. This was equivalent to 37 in every 100 males and 81 in every 100 females in 1954, and 35 in every 100 males and 81 in every 100 females in 1947.

Of the 1,689,498 males not in the work force in 1954, almost 50 per cent. were full-time students or children attending school, 31 per cent. were children not attending school, and 12 per cent. were pensioners or annuitants. The remaining 7 per cent. were mainly of independent means or inmates of institutions. Of the 3,595,010 females not in the work force, 52 per cent. were engaged in home duties, 22 per cent. were full-time students or children attending school, 14 per cent. were children not attending school and 8 per cent. were pensioners or annuitants.

By far the greater proportion of children not attending school at the 1954 Census was, of course, aged under 5 years, but nearly 67,000 or about 6.5 per cent. were in older age groups. Most of the full-time students or children attending school were aged between 5 and 15 years, but there were 103,300 (6.3 per cent.) aged 15-19 and nearly 12,000 (0.7 per cent.) aged 20 and over. Slightly more than 11,100 were aged under 5 years.

Ninety per cent. of the females engaged in home duties were aged between 20 and 65 years, 7.6 per cent. (143,300) were aged 65 and over, and 2.2 per cent. (41,400) were under 20 years of age.

The number of persons who were pensioners and annuitants increased steadily throughout the five-year age groups from nearly 2,000 aged 15-19 to 10,800 aged 45-49 years, then rose sharply to 18,900 aged 50-54 years and to 31,500 aged 55-59 years. The age groups 60 years and over contained 82 per cent. of the total pensioners and annuitants. Females predominated throughout in each five-year age group, and their aggregated numbers up to age 64 were more than double those of males. Overall, female pensioners exceeded males by 42 per cent.

The age structure of persons of independent means was similar to that of pensioners, etc., but the proportions of the former were generally higher in the older age groups and lower in the younger groups. Females predominated throughout the five-year age groups up to 60-64 years and in the 80 years and over group, but males exceeded females in the three groups 65-69 years, 70-74 years and 75-79 years.

The numbers of persons classified as inmates of institutions increased, with some breaks in the upward trend, from about 1,200 in the 0-4 age group to about 4,500 in each of the five year groups from 60-74 years, while 6,000 were in the 80 years and over group. Males predominated in each five year age group up to 65-69 years and females in the three remaining groups. Males exceeded females in total by 17 per cent.

Persons not in the work force constituted 58.8 per cent. of the total population of Australia in 1954 compared with 57.8 per cent. in 1947. While children and full-time students showed substantial increases in proportions in 1954 as compared with 1947, females engaged in home duties decreased from 41 per cent. of the not in the work force population in 1947 to 36 per cent. in 1954. Pensioners increased from 8.9 per cent. to 9.8 per cent., but the remaining groups showed little change in proportion except for "Others not engaged in industry" which decreased from 2.1 per cent. to 0.7 per cent.

TABLE 1.- AUSTRALIA : NUMBERS AND PROPORTIONS OF MALES AND FEMALES NOT IN THE
WORK FORCE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE : CENSUS 1954

(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

Age Group (a)	Children Not Attending School	Full-time Students or Children Attending School	Pensioners or Annuitants	Indepen- dent Means	Inmates of Instit- utions	Others Not Engaged in Industry	Total
MALES NOT IN THE WORK FORCE - NUMBERS							
0 - 4	487,476	5,547	-	-	659	-	493,682
5 - 9	32,280	429,083	-	-	540	-	461,903
10 - 14	1,765	341,459	-	-	760	-	343,984
15 - 19	202	55,067	893	66	1,553	3,489	61,270
20 - 24	-	6,694	1,288	135	1,683	763	10,563
25 - 29	-	1,385	1,659	185	2,079	619	5,927
30 - 34	-	416	2,094	219	2,083	566	5,378
35 - 39	-	138	2,438	311	1,976	556	5,419
40 - 44	-	53	3,004	544	2,238	648	6,487
45 - 49	-	22	3,741	986	2,179	669	7,597
50 - 54	-	-	5,587	1,832	2,347	911	10,677
55 - 59	-	-	9,902	3,232	2,093	1,250	16,477
60 - 64	-	-	23,864	7,553	2,397	2,380	36,194
65 - 69	-	-	52,610	13,800	2,245	4,631	73,286
70 - 74	-	-	48,750	13,160	2,137	3,332	67,379
75 - 79	-	-	32,175	9,412	1,760	1,979	45,326
80 and over	-	-	25,204	8,604	2,295	1,846	37,949
TOTAL	521,723	839,864	213,209	60,039	31,024	23,639	1,689,498
MALES NOT IN THE WORK FORCE - PROPORTIONS IN EACH AGE GROUP							
0 - 4	93.43	0.66	-	-	2.12	-	29.22
5 - 9	6.19	51.09	-	-	1.74	-	27.34
10 - 14	0.34	40.65	-	-	2.45	-	20.36
15 - 19	0.04	6.56	0.42	0.11	5.01	14.76	3.63
20 - 24	-	0.80	0.60	0.23	5.43	3.23	0.63
25 - 29	-	0.16	0.78	0.31	6.70	2.62	0.31
30 - 34	-	0.05	0.98	0.36	6.71	2.39	0.31
35 - 39	-	0.02	1.14	0.52	6.37	2.35	0.32
40 - 44	-	0.01	1.41	0.91	7.21	2.74	0.38
45 - 49	-	-	1.76	1.64	7.02	2.83	0.45
50 - 54	-	-	2.62	3.05	7.56	3.85	0.63
55 - 59	-	-	4.64	5.38	6.75	5.29	0.96
60 - 64	-	-	11.19	12.58	7.73	10.07	2.11
65 - 69	-	-	24.68	22.98	7.24	19.59	4.32
70 - 74	-	-	22.87	21.92	6.89	14.10	3.91
75 - 79	-	-	15.09	15.68	5.67	8.37	2.68
80 and over	-	-	11.82	14.33	7.40	7.81	2.24
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(a) Adjusted ages after distribution of unspecified ages.

TABLE 1. - AUSTRALIA : NUMBERS AND PROPORTIONS OF MALES AND FEMALES NOT
IN THE WORK FORCE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE : CENSUS 1954. (Cont'd)

Age Group (a)	Children not Attending School	Full-time Students or Children Attending School	Home Duties	Pensio- ners or Annuit- ants	Inde- pendent Means	Inmates of Instit- utions	Others not Engaged in Industry	Total
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FEMALES NOT IN THE WORK FORCE - NUMBERS

0 - 4	466,649	5,565	-	-	-	521	-	472,735
5 - 9	30,635	409,745	-	-	-	454	-	440,834
10 - 14	1,814	327,525	2,706	-	-	590	-	332,635
15 - 19	157	48,260	38,679	1,044	209	1,060	2,599	92,008
20 - 24	-	2,176	142,263	1,713	267	828	614	147,861
25 - 29	-	434	242,618	2,566	383	993	442	247,436
30 - 34	-	272	263,053	3,668	479	1,200	378	269,050
35 - 39	-	175	241,609	4,734	682	1,309	325	248,834
40 - 44	-	128	224,450	5,935	1,136	1,660	345	233,654
45 - 49	-	58	185,803	7,076	1,721	1,623	404	196,685
50 - 54	-	1	161,984	13,285	3,182	1,954	564	180,970
55 - 59	-	-	137,342	21,588	4,961	1,843	758	166,492
60 - 64	-	-	111,119	51,374	8,855	2,125	1,505	174,978
65 - 69	-	-	70,827	63,533	10,821	2,108	1,628	148,917
70 - 74	-	-	39,630	55,209	11,352	2,318	1,773	110,282
75 - 79	-	-	20,125	37,790	8,816	2,293	1,499	70,523
80 and over	-	-	12,728	32,759	9,795	3,730	2,104	61,116
TOTAL	499,255	794,339	1,894,936	302,274	62,659	26,609	14,938	3,595,010

FEMALES NOT IN THE WORK FORCE - PROPORTIONS IN EACH AGE GROUP

	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
0 - 4	93.47	0.70	-	-	-	1.96	-	13.15
5 - 9	6.14	51.58	-	-	-	1.71	-	12.26
10 - 14	0.36	41.23	0.14	-	-	2.22	-	9.25
15 - 19	0.03	6.08	2.04	0.35	0.33	3.98	17.40	2.56
20 - 24	-	0.27	7.51	0.57	0.43	3.11	4.11	4.11
25 - 29	-	0.06	12.80	0.85	0.61	3.73	2.96	6.88
30 - 34	-	0.03	13.88	1.21	0.76	4.51	2.53	7.49
35 - 39	-	0.02	12.75	1.57	1.09	4.92	2.18	6.92
40 - 44	-	0.02	11.85	1.96	1.81	6.24	2.31	6.50
45 - 49	-	0.01	9.81	2.34	2.75	6.10	2.71	5.47
50 - 54	-	-	8.55	4.39	5.08	7.34	3.78	5.03
55 - 59	-	-	7.25	7.14	7.92	6.93	5.07	4.63
60 - 64	-	-	5.86	17.00	14.13	7.98	10.07	4.87
65 - 69	-	-	3.74	21.02	17.27	7.92	10.90	4.14
70 - 74	-	-	2.09	18.26	18.12	8.71	11.87	3.07
75 - 79	-	-	1.06	12.50	14.07	8.62	10.03	1.96
80 and over	-	-	0.67	10.84	15.63	14.02	14.08	1.71
TOTAL	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(a) Adjusted ages after distribution of unspecified ages.

TABLE 2.- AUSTRALIA : NUMBERS AND PROPORTIONS OF PERSONS NOT IN THE
WORK FORCE CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO AGE : CENSUSES 1947 AND 1954.

(Exclusive of full-blood Aboriginals)

AGE GROUP	Children not Attending School	Full-time Students or Children Attending School	Females Engaged in Home Duties	Pensioners or Annuitants	Independent Means	In-mates of Institutions	Others not Engaged in Industry	Total Not in Work Force	
								No.	Per Cent.
CENSUS 1947 - NUMBERS AND PROPORTIONS									
(a)									
0 - 4	749,381	10,137	-	-	-	869	-	760,387	17.35
5 -14	45,656	1,069,703	4,327	-	-	3,876	-	1,123,562	25.63
15 -19	5	66,334	48,284	1,741	238	2,807	32,529	151,938	3.47
20 -34	-	24,598	603,743	15,008	1,600	8,178	6,031	659,158	15.04
35 -49	-	768	572,925	24,134	4,711	10,508	4,096	617,142	14.08
50 -64	-	1	403,323	100,208	24,612	12,027	12,510	552,681	12.61
65 -79	-	-	122,437	201,118	51,459	10,086	27,530	412,630	9.41
80 and over	-	-	12,731	42,566	15,242	3,957	7,027	81,523	1.86
Age not Stated	1,495	1,546	14,464	4,152	797	438	1,014	23,906	0.55
TOTAL	796,537	1,173,087	1,782,234	388,927	98,659	52,746	90,737	4,382,927	100
Proportion of Total	% 18.18	% 26.77	% 40.66	% 8.87	% 2.25	% 1.20	% 2.07	% 100	
CENSUS 1954 - NUMBERS AND PROPORTIONS									
(b)									
0 - 4	954,125	11,112	-	-	-	1,180	-	966,417	18.29
5 -14	66,494	1,507,812	2,706	-	-	2,344	-	1,579,356	29.89
15 -19	359	103,327	38,679	1,937	275	2,613	6,088	153,278	2.90
20 -34	-	11,377	647,934	12,988	1,668	8,866	3,382	686,215	12.99
35 -49	-	574	651,862	26,928	5,380	10,985	2,947	698,676	13.22
50 -64	-	1	410,445	125,600	29,615	12,759	7,368	585,788	11.08
65 -79	-	-	130,582	290,067	67,361	12,861	14,842	515,713	9.76
80 and over	-	-	12,728	57,963	18,399	6,025	3,950	99,065	1.87
TOTAL	1,020,978	1,634,203	1,894,936	515,483	122,698	57,633	38,577	5,284,508	100
Proportion of Total	% 19.32	% 30.92	% 35.86	% 9.76	% 2.32	% 1.09	% 0.73	% 100	

(a) Recorded ages.

(b) Adjusted ages after distribution of unspecified ages.

TABLE 3 - STATES AND TERRITORIES : NUMBER OF PERSONS NOT IN THE WORK FORCE

CENSUSES 1947 AND 1954

(Exclusive of full-blood Aborigines)

CENSUS 1947

Partic- ulars	New South Wales	Victoria	Queens- land	South Aust.	Western Aust.	Tas- mania	North. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Australia
Children not at- tending School..	304,897	206,796	122,703	70,449	57,275	31,665	1,072	1,680	796,537
Full-time Students or Child- ren at- tending School..	474,886	298,150	178,966	91,098	82,351	43,435	1,265	2,936	1,173,087
Females engaged in Home Duties..	699,550	489,642	254,109	162,687	111,713	59,616	1,443	3,474	1,782,234
Pension- ers or Annuity- ants ..	162,603	95,688	53,569	33,682	28,911	14,034	135	305	388,927
Indepen- dent Means ..	35,605	31,043	13,216	9,673	5,849	3,143	54	76	98,659
Inmates of Insti- tutions.	20,045	14,865	7,250	4,406	4,210	1,889	77	4	52,746
Others Not En- gaged in Industry..	32,722	26,475	15,828	6,778	5,771	2,978	92	93	90,737
Total Per- sons Not In Work Force (a)									
0-4	293,066	197,239	118,882	67,189	52,452	28,878	1,009	1,672	760,387
5-14	447,859	283,133	174,920	87,860	81,838	44,059	1,299	2,594	1,123,562
15-19	62,971	37,275	23,024	12,023	9,996	6,056	154	439	151,938
20-29	163,256	105,899	60,460	36,950	26,769	15,219	486	824	409,863
30-39	189,233	126,400	69,806	42,355	32,208	16,361	495	1,019	477,877
40-49	151,195	108,279	55,867	33,320	26,357	12,443	282	817	388,560
50-59	149,153	105,234	51,937	34,666	21,351	11,633	175	593	374,742
60-69	144,839	95,582	46,088	33,127	22,157	10,880	141	342	353,156
70-79	89,199	70,831	30,922	21,748	16,891	7,584	69	169	237,413
80 and over	29,100	26,675	10,215	7,835	4,858	2,766	20	54	81,523
Not Stated	10,437	6,112	3,520	1,700	1,203	881	8	45	23,906
Total	1,730,308	1,162,659	645,641	378,773	296,080	156,760	4,138	8,568	4,382,927

(a) Recorded ages.

CENSUS 1954

Partic- ulars	New South Wales	Victoria	Queens- land	South Aust.-	Western Aust.	Tas- mania	North Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia
Children not at- tending School ..	363,755	275,308	159,916	91,898	82,963	40,775	2,236	4,127	1,020,978
Full-time Students or Child- ren at- tending School ..	632,539	426,671	243,326	144,767	117,323	61,382	2,365	5,830	1,634,203
Females engaged in Home Duties ..	725,232	515,711	277,033	173,866	130,880	64,183	2,287	5,744	1,894,936
Pensio- ners or Annuit- ants ..	215,301	125,067	75,963	44,445	36,316	17,478	191	722	515,483
Inde- pendent Means ..	44,194	37,198	17,564	12,566	7,412	3,553	86	125	122,698
Inmates of Insti- tutions.	21,452	15,770	8,655	5,187	4,479	1,970	90	30	57,633
Others Not En- gaged in Industry.	14,480	12,222	5,948	2,616	1,997	1,203	51	60	38,577
Total Per- sons Not In Work Force (b)									
0- 4	354,255	258,335	147,501	88,208	74,978	37,021	2,074	4,045	966,417
5-14	599,427	412,629	241,175	139,931	117,950	60,345	2,414	5,485	1,579,356
15-19	59,020	39,897	23,464	12,178	10,927	7,062	219	511	153,278
20-29	156,378	107,145	63,249	36,437	31,025	15,140	805	1,608	411,787
30-39	205,869	138,264	78,493	47,851	36,810	18,771	758	1,865	528,681
40-49	172,231	117,855	65,789	39,878	32,325	14,736	427	1,182	444,423
50-59	144,119	104,771	54,900	33,199	24,733	11,804	254	836	374,616
60-69	174,942	118,002	60,715	39,997	25,649	13,172	214	684	433,375
70-79	114,881	81,008	39,783	28,308	19,842	9,245	112	331	293,510
80 and over	35,831	30,041	13,336	9,358	7,131	3,248	29	91	99,065
Total	2,016,953	1,407,947	788,405	475,345	381,370	190,544	7,306	16,638	5,284,508

(a) Recorded ages.

(b) Adjusted ages after distribution of unspecified ages.

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